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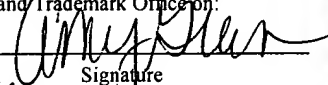
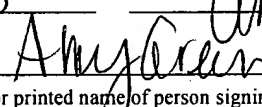
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AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 24, 2004. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

An extension of time to respond to the Office Action is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this Amendment.

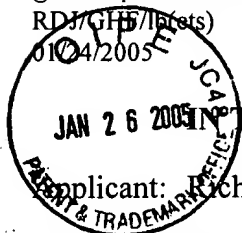
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for filing in the above-identified application.

- [] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity Statement previously submitted.
- [] A Small Entity Statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

(COL. 1)	(COL. 2)	(COL. 3)	(COL. 4)	(COL. 5)
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
TOTAL	52	MINUS	* 56	0
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* not fewer than 20
** not fewer than 3

SMALL ENTITY		
	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
X	\$ 25	\$
X	\$100	\$
+	\$180	\$

TOTAL = \$ 0

OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY		
	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
X	\$50	\$ 0
X	\$200	\$ 0
+	\$360	\$

TOTAL = \$ 0

Petition for Extension of Time

- ☒ Applicant hereby petitions to extend the time to respond to the Office Action dated August 24, 2004 for two months from November 24, 2004 to January 24, 2005. The appropriate fee of \$450 is included in the enclosed check.
- ☐ A ☐ month extension of time to respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated ☐ was filed on ☐ with payment of a \$☐ fee
- ☐ Applicant hereby petitions for an additional ☐ month extension of time to respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts. The appropriate fee of \$☐ is included in the enclosed check.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 08-0380 for the following fees:

- ☐ Petition for ☐ month Extension of Time \$ _____
- ☐ Amendment Fee \$ _____
- ☐ Other Fees: _____
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- TOTAL: \$ 0

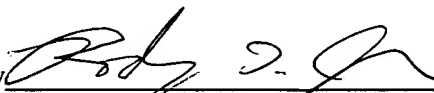
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- ☒ Petition for two-month Extension of Time \$ 450
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- TOTAL: \$ 450

- ☒ A general authorization is hereby granted to charge Deposit Account No. 08-0380 for any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 in order to maintain pendency of this application. A copy of this authorization is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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